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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT   :   Responsibility for Intelligence Coverage
                   of Berlin and Similar Major Strategic
                   Intelligence Problem Areas

1. At its meeting of 18 July, the USIB decided to disestablish
the Special USIB Subcommittee on the Berlin Situation as an institu-
tion reporting to the USIB. See USIB-M-225, dated 18 July 1962.

2. It further decided that USIB's responsibility for finished
intelligence on developments in the Berlin situation should be dis-
charged through use of the normal inter-agency coordinating machinery
regularly employed in preparing estimates.

3. The disestablishment of this USIB committee makes it doubly
important that CIA discharge its responsibility to the Director of
Central Intelligence to monitor developments in this and other major
strategic intelligence problem areas and alert the USIB community when
estimative or other intelligence reporting of inter-agency scope is
required. I am, therefore, assigning you responsibility for desig-
nating substantive action officers to maintain a continuing watch in
conjunction with representatives of other USIB members concerned with
the problem on the Berlin situation and similar problem areas as cur-
rent intelligence warrants.

4. You or your designated action officers are authorized on
behalf of the Director to convene inter-agency working groups for
this purpose and prepare reports appropriate to the situation or
situations under study. This responsibility includes distributing
current intelligence reports, materials of interest to the USIB
Watch Committee, drafting notes for inclusion in the USIB Weekly
Survey of Cold War Crisis Situations and recommendations to the
Chairman of the Board of National Estimates on the need for an NIE
or SNIE on the subject under scrutiny.

                              (Signed) Marshall S. Carter

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